

Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the priority and continuing data for the above-identified application and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

In addition, applicants have inserted a new Sequence Listing, a computer readable form of which is enclosed herewith and a paper copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, into the subject application. Applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit C** a Statement Of Compliance Under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) In Connection With Above-Identified Application certifying that the content of the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith and the content of the attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing are identical and that the attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing contains the same sequence as the subject application and raises no issue of new matter.

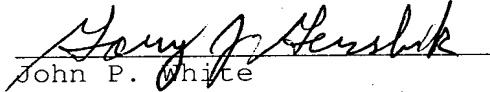
Claims 1-56 are present in the application as filed. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 20-36 and 38-56 without disclaimer or prejudice. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-19 and 37 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$300.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary J. Gershik", is written over a horizontal line.

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